



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:

SUBRAMANIAM, BALA et al.

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Examiner: T.D. Dang

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Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003, amendment and reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.